(c) Bank robberiesjdecoities, ' to considerable extern, depend, on the "general security" enviornmsnt in the locality. Banks, however, have been taking steps to improve their security' arrangements so as to offer as little inducement as possible to miscreants to rob the banks and ialso to deter, them. As this is a continuous process, security measure's implemented by Public Sector Banks are being reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines|in-structions are given to the Banks.

FreiKh offer *of* help in the Light combat Aircraft

2715. SWRI RAIN1 RANI AN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased fo state.

(a) whether France has offered help to India in Light Combat Aircmft Pro ject;

(b) if go, what are the details thereof; and

(oj what action has been taken by Government tflereon?

THE MINISTER. Of STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND ' DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE <SHRI ARUN SINGHv (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Mis AMD-BA of France carried out an independent feasibility study on the LCA. The firm has also offered to provide consultancy [assistance during the Pi ject Definition Phase of the pre-*nme.*

I (c) A contract win be signed with the firm to be selected.

Discontinuance of the Life Insurance Corporation policies

2716. SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR: SHRi PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) the number of people wh_0 took out new policies of the Life Insurant Corporation during the last three vears: and

(b) the number of'policy holders who had failed to Pay their instalments of th-premium and subsequently forfeited;, part of the amount already pay by them On the discontinuance of their policies and withdrew the refundable amounts during $_t$ the samp period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOIART): (a) The new policies issued in India by LIC during the last three years were as under: —

1983-84	....	23, 66, 057
1984-85	—	26, 99, 654
198^5-86	....	32, 85, 607

(to The number of policies surrendered to or forfeited i_n India by LIC during the last three years after discontinuance of premium payment were as under: —

	No. of Policies	
	Surrendered	Forfeited
1983-84	2,46,866	7,83,435
1984-85	2,48,363	8,27,119
1985-86	2,70,438	9,44,625